REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 19th April, 2023.

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk confirm whether we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed lack of quorum)

Speaker: I order the bell to be rang for ten minutes

(Quorum bell rang for ten minutes)

Hon. John Gichuki: Mr. Speaker, I think we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Having achieved quorum, clerk kindly give us the order of the day.

STATEMENTS

EMERGENCY FUND VOTE OF KSHS. 50 MILLION APPROPRIATED IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. A statement was tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Paul Leshuel, on 7th March 2023 requesting for a response regarding the statement on Emergency Fund vote of Kshs. 50 million appropriated in financial year 2022/2023. The committee sent a letter to the County Executive committee Member that is Department of Education, Social Service, Youth and Sports.

Reference County Government of Laikipia, County Assembly 001 Vol 1/005 Dated 5th April 2023, asking his office to respond. Another letter was sent Vol 1/006 dated 6th April 2023, was sent to the same CECM of Education to attend a committee meeting.

The County Executive Committee Member, Department of Education, Social Service, Youth and Sports by the name Kisorio, did attend the committee meeting and informed the Members that the Emergency Fund and the management of the fund is not anchored in the Department of Education, Social Service, Youth and Sports but it is in the Department of Finance, Economic Planning and County Development.

He informed the Members, that there was no Emergency fund that was appropriated in the Department of Education, Social Service, Youth, Gender and Sports. The committee hereby request an extension of 15 days period, so as to table a comprehensive response on the statement.

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There is need for collaboration now between the Executive Finance Department and Education department since the fund was utilized by Education Department but was managed by Finance Department. Now the committee of Education must call both the Finance and Education CECM's. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Before I determine, let me give Hon. Paul Leshuel.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The statement being tabled in this House by the Member speaking, it is now clear that we need to commit the both committees of Finance and Education, so that we can get the correct answers on that statement. I have heard from the Hon. Chairperson of Education that the money was spent by Education Department but released by the Finance Department. That statement is a very important report that we expected from that statement. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: I therefore determine and direct that you are granted the 15 days you have requested. We expect a response by date 4th May. 2023.

MOTION

RESTORATION OF PEACE IN LAIKIPIA

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT pursuant to Article 29 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, every person has the right to freedom and security;

Further AWARE THAT the enhancement of personal security and the protection of private and public property is among the guiding principles towards a developed County;

CONCERNED of the escalating cases of insecurity within Laikipia County whereby in the recent past, the residents of some parts of Laikipia West Sub-County and Laikipia North Sub County have experienced heightened cases of insecurity due to cases of cattle rustling and banditry attacks, leaving several people wounded and hundreds of livestock stolen;

This House URGES the County Government in liaison with the relevant National Government agencies responsible for security to establish urgent and appropriate measures in order to restore peace through:

a) Deploying additional National Police reservists;

b) Initiating peace building processes among the border counties of Baringo, Samburu, Isiolo and Laikipia;

c) Building more schools and other social facilities in the affected areas noting that it is the youths who are involved in this banditry affected areas.

d) Exploration of new income generating activities in the affected areas to minimize the idleness and unemployment of youths through creation of job opportunities;

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e) Partnering with the Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) to launch a livestock identification and traceability project aimed at curbing cattle theft;

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Being aware that there is a lot of insecurity especially now during the rains, most of the pastoralists are trying to restock. At the same time, insecurity issue in this county has been a menace. Even recently in one of the ranches in ADC Mutara, one of the pastoralist's was shot; Letapardai was shot at ADC Farm by the police reservists. We urge the National Security and the County Government of Laikipia to ensure that insecurity in this county is restored.

Aware that even in the last two days in Laikipia there was a probox which was burnt down ferrying about 20-30 sheep on board in a place called Burguret belonging to one of the farmers around the area. So, we urge the County Government of Laikipia to ensure that all the borders around and within Laikipia, the police reservists and the police in general should know what they are doing.

In the areas of Olmoran as we speak and towards Baringo bordering Samburu, we have got issues with the Pokot bandits or Samburu bandits crossing over the borders, stealing livestock and killing people. Sometimes you would think that because of drought, most of them had lost a lot of livestock and now they think that it is the right time to restock. There is also a National Security operation and recently they have deployed a lot of security officers all around but it seems as if they are not bearing any fruits. We have got KDF, GSU police, AP's and police reservists but security has not yet beefed up.

Sometimes you wonder what is happening because most of the bandits are using bullets bearing the labels of KDF made in Eldoret. You wonder whether there is security in place because the KDF and the police are the National Security people. You wonder whether it is a business. Last time, right next to the police post, people got killed and animals got stolen and have never been recovered. So, I would like to urge the County Government and the National Security to liaise and just ensure that all the people in Laikipia should be protected.

Three months ago, in Doldol we had issues. The Former Speaker's camels were stolen and a person killed. To my surprise, it happened just around Doldol Town where there is security from police, GSU, KDF and God forbid all these things happen and people lose lives every day. I would like to urge the House to support the motion and give enough pressure to the government or the National Police or the county security team to please pullup their socks because now they are doing nothing. Sometimes, you would even think that it could be business. So, I would want to urge the House to support the motion and compel the National and the County Government to give us support and ensure that's security is beefed up in this county. I would like Hon. Leshuel to second. Thank you.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the motion. This motion is timely because months ago our animals were all over Mt. Kenya, Aberdares and other areas. As we speak now, we are going back to our areas and we are experiencing some insecurity issues in some areas. The entire Laikipia is not good in security issues as we speak. We know that security lies with the National Government but as a County Government, we have a lot to do.

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The CS for Interior has given us the NPR's and in Laikipia, he had promised to give 360 of them. As we speak, we have already been given not less than a hundred but we are not seeing any impact. When you go to Doldol, we have more than 20 NPRs who are already trained but you will realize that they are all in Doldol Town at the police station. Whereby we had requested the NPR's and we are expected them to stay at home. Now, they are all at the police station. So, I would want to urge the committee concerned because we know that the coordination between the Assembly and other departments is the committees, the committee that deals with insecurity to engage the security team in these issues so that they can give us a report on what measures the government is putting in place to ensure that all Kenyans and their properties are safe as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Mr. Speaker, we are not in a good situation in terms of security and we would want to put serious measures in place. We want to see the NPR working and other posts outside there. So, we want to see the measures that are in place so that we can be sure that we are safe and the little livestock that we have. We have struggled through the four years drought and the number of livestock remaining is what other people are restocking.

I am happy that the security issues are affecting everybody. In Laikipia we are complaining about Samburu, the Samburu are complaining about Pokot and the Pokot about Turkana. Actually as pastoralists, we have got a problem and I don't know what we are going to do. When we speak in Laikipia, we blame the Samburu from Isiolo and Samburu. When you go to Samburu, they are complaining about Pokot and the Pokot are complaining about Turkana. When you go to Samburu on the other side, they are complaining about *Borana*. So, all over where the pastoralists are we have got a problem.

Actually, we are losing people especially the young generation because of livestock. I don't know whether we are going to change this nomadic and pastoralist farming but we have got a problem. I don't want to talk about Samburu and other areas but I want to talk about Laikipia. Therefore, I would like the committee concerned to put measures in the areas of security so that we can be safe in Laikipia because we are not safe and our animals and properties are not safe. This is a government responsibility to ensure that everybody is secure. So, I second the motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono huu mswada ambao uko mbele ya hili Bunge. Ni mswada ambao unazungumzia mambo ya usalama. Pia namshukuru Mheshimiwa Lekopien kuleta mswada kama huu ambao unazungumzia usalama ikikumbukwa ya kwamba yeye mwenyewe ametoka katika sehemu ambayo imeathiriwa sana. Upande wa Sosian, Olmoran na sehemu zingine kama Githiga ambapo wanampakana na Baringo na sehemu kama Mukogodo Magharibi ambapo wanampakana na Isiolo.

Bwana Spika, usalama ni haki ya kila mwananchi na serikali yoyote iko na jukumu la kuhakikisha ya kwamba mwananchi na mali yake wamelindwa. Mambo ambayo Mheshimiwa Lekopien amezungumzia, ni mambo ambayo yamekuwa ni kero sana kwa wale wananchi ambao wanaishi katika hizo sehemu. Mara nyingi tunaona wananchi wakiuawa, mifugo ikiibiwa na kina mama na watoto wakiteseka. Tunajua ya kwamba wakati ambapo vita hutokea, kina mama na watoto huwa katika hatari kwa sababu hao ndio hukaa nyumbani na wakati wavamizi wanapokuja, wanavamia boma bila kuwajali. Wakati mtoto ameuawa ni kumaanisha

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ya kwamba hiyo jamii imepoteza nguvu kwa sababu mtoto ndiye huwa anashikilia taifa katika siku za usoni. Kwa hivyo, mimi naona ya kwamba huu ni mswada ambao tunafaa kuangalia ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba serikali yetu ya kaunti inaungana na serikali kuu kuweka mikakati ya kuhakikisha ya kwamba usalama umedumishwa.

Bwana Spika, tukiongea mambo ya usalama, sio tu pande za mipaka iliyo na shida bali hata hapa katikati hakuna usalama. Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Lekopien akipeana mfano ya kwamba kuna gari ya probox ambayo imepatikana ikiwa na mbuzi karibu thelathini na hiyo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba wizi uko kila mahali. Mimi ningeomba wananchi wote Pamoja na viongozi ya kwamba usalama huanzia na mimi na wewe. Kwa hivyo, wale ambao huwa wanatusumbua ni watu walioko katika boma zetu ambao tunawaelewa na pia tunajua mahali wanaishi. Zile jamii ambazo huwa na ukosefu wa usalama, wanafaa waketi chini na waite wazee, vijana na kila mtu ili wajue kiini cha hii shida. Mimi nafikiri ya kwamba ni jukumu la kila Mkenya na kiongozi kuhakikisha ya kwamba usalama umepatikana bila kujali cheo lako au nguvu yako.

Ni juzi tu ambapo Polisi, Jeshi na GSU walipelekwa Baringo na bado tunasikia wavamizi wakiingia mpaka kwa hospitali na kuchukua mmoja wao. Hilo ni jambo ambalo linatia hofu kwa jamii na pia wananchi. Kama yule mhalifu anaweza kuingia hospitali na atoe mgonjwa eti kwa sababu amepigwa na polisi na waende naye, hapo tunaona ni kama usalama umedidimia. Hiyo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba hao wahalifu wakitaka hata kuingia hili Bunge wataingia na wanyakue Lekopien au Kagondu waende naye bila kuulizwa na mtu yeyote. Hilo ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kuangalia sana.

Usalama sio tu kwa ng'ombe, kwa mahindi au kwa hizo mambo zingine ambazo zinatajwa lakini ni vizuri pia viongozi wawekewe usalama. Juzi tu tulisikia Mheshimiwa fulani alidungwa kisu na akafa. MCA alidungwa kisu kumaanisha ya kwamba hata MCA wako katika hali ya hatari na wanataka wawekewe usalama. Kama itawezekana, tukiwekea wananchi usalama hata sisi tuwekewe usalama. Hata mimi sitajali nikiwa na mlinzi kwa sababu mimi ni kiongozi kama wale wengine. Kwa hivyo, tuwache kuangalia mambo hivi hivi na tuangalie kwa njia zote.

Bwana Spika, wewe uko na bahati kwa sababu uko na mlinzi na ukitoka nje anatoka. Mimi nikitoka hapa hata mbwa hanifuati, ni mimi tu na Mungu. Kwa hivyo, haya ni mambo usalama ambayo tunafaa kuangalia kwa upana hata tukipita mipaka yote ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba nchi yetu iko na usalama na kila mtu amelindwa na mali yake pia. Haya mambo ambayo inayojitoa kuhusu ukosefu na nidhamu na usalama, ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kukondolea macho.

Juzi nilishtuka wakati ndugu zetu walienda kufanya maandamano ya unga na wakaingia hadi mashamba ya watu na wakaanza kuchukua mbuzi na vitu vingine. Hili ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kuangalia kwa njia kubwa kwa maana huo ni ukosefu wa usalama pia katika hayo mashamba. Mimi nilishangaa kuona shamba ambayo iliibiwa ni ya Rais mstaafu na ambaye yuko na mlinzi na askari pia. Mimi nashangaa yule mwananchi ambaye yuko Sosian, mwenye boma haina pia ua. Mhalifu ataingia mchana amkondolee macho amwambie awekelee ama auawe. Hili ni jambo tunafaa kuangalia kwa uzito na tusukume serikali. Serikali iko na kila mbinu ya kumaliza wahalifu.

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Mimi nimeshangaa Juzi hapa Olmoran, ng'ombe zinaibiwa mchana peupe. Tuko na serikali kuu na pia ya Kaunti. Shule zinafungwa kwa ukosefu wa usalama, ilhali vijana wetu wako hapa bila kazi. Serikali inaokota mabilioni ya pesa na vijana hawana kazi. Hawa vijana tuko nao hapa hawana kazi, wachukuliwe askari wa ziada kama vile Mjumbe anauliza pale. Wapewe pia bunduki ili hao wahalifu wakome kusumbua wananchi wetu. Ni lazima sisi wenyewe kama Serikali ya Kaunti na pia kama Wajumbe, tuweke mikakati na tusukume serikali ifanye kazi.

Watu wakiuawa na sisi tunyamaze, wataendelea kuuawa. Tukisimama na tuongee na tusukume serikali, usalama utapatikana hapa Laikipia. Mimi nasikia huruma wakati mwingine kwa Mjumbe Karuiru kwa sababu Wadi yake kila siku juna milio ya risasi. Wale watu ambao wanawasumbua ni watu ambao hawana afya. Miguu Yao ni kama mkono yangu. Siku ingine nilikuwa naambia Mheshimiwa Karuiru ya kwamba yeye anakaa watu wawili mwenyewe ukilinganisha na wale watu. Hao ni kushika kichwa na kugonganisha. Maana wale watu wako pale ni…

Speaker: Hon. John Gichuki, do you have something?

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Kamau, akisema ya kwamba *"wale watu ni wakonde sana, tumiguu tunatoshana hivi" Ningetaka kujua alijulia wapi, ni kama anajuana na wao kwa sababu alijulia wapi ni wakonde?*

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. John Gichuki. You may take your seat as the Hon. John Ndiritu contributes, you may respond to that.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Unajua mimi ni mtu ambaye niko na ujumbe wa kutosha. Ninaangalia nchi vile inaendelea. Hata kama sijawaona wale watu vile anadai ni marafiki wangu, mimi sina urafiki na watu ambao wako na nia mbaya na taifa. Wale watu tunawaona kwa gazeti. Niliona kwa gazeti mtu ambaye amebeba bunduki na ilionekana pia ni mzito. Mimi nimesikia hawa ambao wanahangaisha akina Mheshimiwa Lekopien, wakisema ni vijana ambao wanaweza jificha na mti.

Hii ni dhirihisho ya kwamba yule mtu ni mkonde. Ile miti ambayo iko Sosian ni miti nyembamba ambayo huwezi linganisha na miti kutoka Nyanja zingine kama Nyeri. Kama mtu anajificha na hiyo miti, hiyo inamaanisha huyo mtu ni mwembamba. Ningemwomba Kiongozi wa Wengi atembee pale Sosian, ajionee wale watu hawana nguvu, lakini wana roho mbaya ya kuangamiza. Huyo mtu anaishi kwa kichaka na ni hatari kwa usalama. Mimi nasema hivyo kwa sababu watu wengi wako na shida na pia wanaumia.

Tuweke mzaha na kiburi kando, tuyaangalie kwa upana na tusukume serikali. Serikali isiposukumwa italegea. Nimemwona Waziri wa Usalama akielekea kule Baringo na sehemu nyingine, lakini hapa Laikipia ambapo mimi niko sijamwona. Niliona Waziri aliyeondoka; Matiangi ambaye tulifuta. Tunataka tumwone Waziri Kindiki akifika pale Olmoran na Sosian ili azuie wale wananchi wako kule. Ni vizuri tuseme namna hii kwa sababu tuko Bunge, kama serikali itashindwa kulinda wale wananchi ambao wako kule Sosian, Githiga na pia Olmoran, sisi wenyewe tutajitokeza tubebe bunduki tusukume hawa wakora hadi mwisho.

Mimi najua tukipewa nguvu, tutafanya. Sisi hatutaachilia ng'ombe, mifugo, mbuzi na mimea yetu iharibiwe. Ni heri tusumbuane na Mheshimiwa Leshuel, Mheshimiwa Lekopien; ng'ombe yao na mifugo yetu ikuwe na amani. Afadhali tusumbuane na hao lakini baadaye

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tunaelewana. Hawa wanakuja kubeba mali wanaacha watu wetu na shida. Ninaomba sisi wote tuko hapa, tuunge mswada mkono, tusukume serikali na pia tuhakikishe serikali imeongeza wale vijana na askari ambao tunategemea kupambana na uhalifu wakati Askari halisi hawajafika.

Wale NPR wakifika mbele ya polisi, watajua wamepitia upande gani. Wakati mwingine askari wetu ni waoga, unapata Askari wanaelekea upande mwingine na mifugo inaelekea upande mwingine. Saa nyingine unashangaa na hii ndiyo habari tunapewa. Tunasema ni namna hiyo kwa sababu, saa hii kule ambapo wanasukumwa, unapata habari ya kwamba wameenda Baringo ilhali wameenda wakapata hamna watu na ng'ombe zimeibiwa.

Inamaanisha ng'ombe zikiibiwa zitoke mlango wa mbele wao wanapitia nyuma. Lazima tuhakikishe wale polisi ambao wanapewa kazi ni Askari wanawajibika. Tusiandike watu kwa sababu mtu ametoa shilingi mia mbili ama mia tatu ili apate kazi. Tuandike watu wako na roho mzuri na nia njema ya kuweka taifa yetu kwa Amani. Kwa hayo machache, naomba Wajumbe wote ambao wako hapa, waunge mswada huu mkono na tusukume serikali na pia wale viongozi wanatoka sehemu ambazo zimeadhiriwa na shida.

Kuna Msemo ambao wakikuyu husema na Bwana Spika uniruhusu niseme kwa lugha yetu ya mama ya kwamba " *ritho ririragia iniuru*" Hiyo inamaanisha ya kwamba Mheshimiwa Lekopien akipata shida na yuko pale kwa mpaka amalizwe, atakuja kwangu na mimi itabidi nihame. Hiyo inamaanisha ya kwamba tutasukumana na tutakuwa tunaharibu Kaunti yetu pamoja na kuhatarisha maisha ya wananchi wetu. Naunga mkono na kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Lekopien kwa kuleta mswada huu wakati unaofaa.

Hon. Salim Edung: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Tukiangalia sanasana kwa upande wa usalama, hii Laikipia yetu imekuwa na utovu wa usalama kwa njia moja ama nyingine. Karibu wiki tatu zilizopita, kuna mifugo iliibiwa hapa Njoguini na mtu akauawa. Hiyo mifugo ilienda kabisa hadi kwa wakati huu. Wale NPR ambao walienda mafunzo, wanaenda mafunzo na wanakaa nyumbani kwa sababu hawajapewa vifaa za kazi. Nikiangalia kwa makini sana, usalama unaanza na sisi. Kama usalama unaanza na sisi, ni mikakati gani tumeweka katika mipaka yetu? Kuna mnyama katika miaka saba iliyopita alikuwa anafahamika kama "*AMAYA TRIANGLE",* mara mingi ilikuwa inawekwa amani na mikutano katika sehemu mbalimbali kama Baringo, Isiolo na Laikipia. Leo sijui huyo mnyama alienda wapi.

Wakati yule *Mnyama* alikuwa, watu walikuwa wanalala. Kulikuwa na mambo nyingi ilikuwa inaendelea katika sehemu zetu kama amani. Bila amani, shule hakuna. Bila amani, sisi hatungekuwa katika Bunge hili, kila mtu angejitafutia mahali angejificha kwa sababu mambo ingekuwa mbaya. Saa hizi nikijaribu kutafakari hivi ama yale mambo nimeona kwenye gazeti wiki iliyopita, sasa hivi South Sudan hamna amani. Hadi wale Wakenya wako kule wamerudi nyumbani kwa sababu hakuna kitu tunaweza fanya kama hakuna amani.

Mimi ninauliza, hawa askari wa *NPR* ambao wako katika shamba za wazungu kama Ol-pejeta*,* Segera na Impala wamepatiwa bunduki. Hii sio bunduki ya serikali ilhali wakati wizi yeyote inapotoka mahali, au inapotokea inafaa hawa NPR kabla polisi hawajafika, inafaa watusaidie kwa sababu ya mambo ya amani. Unapata ukipiga simu unaambiwa na yule anasimamia kile kikosi, hadi nipewe kibali na OCS ndiyo tutatoka na umbwa na pia NPR.

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Inamaanisha kuna vifaa zimewekwa kwa zile shamba wachunge mali yao lakini hakuna kuchunga wananchi.

Sisi tungeomba ile bunduki ziko katika zile Shamba za wazungu, chochote kikitokea kuhusu jamii zetu na hatari iliyo katika eneo fulani, inastahili yule OCS waambatane na *Rangers* wafuate ile mali na kuweka amani katika eneo ile. Mimi mara mingi nikienda hapo Ol-pejeta Conservancy kuwaambia kuna mifugo imepitia kule na wakora unasikia mkubwa akisema ya kwamba sisi hatujapewa nafasi na OCS. Ni mpaka OCS apeane ruhusa.

Ningependa kuuliza, mtu akikaribia wewe ukiwa na bunduki, mpaka OCS akwambie mpige risasi na yule mtu anakuja kukupiga risasi? Sijui kama imefunzwa katika mafunzo ya polisi kule Kiganjo ya kwamba inafaa mtu apatiwe ruhusa ndiposa apige adui risasi. Hata saa hii, operesheni yenye inaendelea Baringo, kuna mkubwa katika ile kikosi. Yule mkubwa mpaka atoe ruhusa, lakini kwa upande mwingine ukiwa katika ile kichaka, wewe hujui adui ako upande gani. Ni lazima upambane na wale wakora. Nikiongezea hawa NPR ambao wamesajiliwa kuchunga wananchi, nimesikia kwamba zile bunduki zitakuwa zikikaa kwenye kituo cha polisi. Kitu ama jambo likitokea utakuwa ukikimbilia kwenye kituo.

Kama wakora watakaba ile kituo cha polisi, ni nani ataokoa wale wengine? Hapo awali *NPR* walikuwa wakilala na bunduki nyumbani. Chochote kikitokea wanafuata. Hawa NPR, sisi tunaomba hata wale wako kwenye kikosi sehemu za Rumuruti, hawa ndiyo wanajua Mukogodo vile iko na pia Kichaka cha Aberdares Kiko. Wanajua wezi watapitia hapa na watatokea kule. Lazima tupambane nao na hawa NPR, wawe wakipewa nguvu ili wachunge mwananchi na mali yao. Nikimalizia, unatoa askari kutoka Nakuru waende Suguta Marmar ama Suguta, ila hajui ile milima wala njia.

Unapata hawa askari wanamalizwa kama wale arobaini na mbili walikuwa wamemalizwa huko. Hawa NPR, tunaomba tukiwa Bunge hili waongezwe. Hakuna wizi itaendelea kama vile hali iko kwa wakati huu. Watakuwa wakifuatilia moja kwa moja kwa sababu Wanajua eneo lile. Wanajua zile barabara, misitu na pahali hawa wakora watapitia. Ninasema katika Kaunti hii yetu, heri tuweke amani ndiyo biashara zetu ziendelee, watoto wasome na maisha iendelee. Bila amani hakuna kitu chochote tutafanya. Lazima tuweke mikakati kuhusu mambo ya amani.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningetaka kwanza kusimama na kushukuru Mheshimiwa kutoka Wadi ya Sosian, kwa kuleta mjadala ambao ni muhimu sana. Sio hapa tu Laikipia, pia Kenya mzima. Ukisikia ile mambo inatendeka Kenya mzima sio Laikipia mambo ya usalama tu. Tutaanza na hapa kwetu Laikipia. Wakati ndugu zetu wako nyumbani, kila siku tunasikia ni milio ya risasi ilhali tuko na serikali. Mimi ningetaka kusema eneo letu kama vile nimepata Mheshimiwa Nderitu akiongea kuhusu usalama upande wa Laikipia kusini, Laikipia Kaskazini pale Olmoran, Githiga na Wadi zote ziko eneo upande wa chini hawalali.

Hata akina mama kuzaa ni shida, kwa sababu mama akiwa na mimba akisikia ile milio ya risasi mambo inaharibika. Hakuna mzee analala kwake pia kwenye nyumba zao, wanalala kama wanyama. Wakati wanalala nje wakichunga, hawana bunduki. Ile bunduki wako nayo ni panga na rungu. Wacha mambo ya AK47, wako na bunduki hatuelewi wanatoa wapi. Mara nyingi Kaunti ya Laikipia inavamiwa, ukisikia kwenye redio na runinga wakati kuna mazungumzo, tunasema na wakati mwingi mimi nasema. Rais aliyestaafu Uhuru Kenyatta,

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nataka muelewe na Mheshimiwa Salim kupitia Bwana Spika, ningeomba usikie. Alijenga kambi Garissa na kulikuwa kubaya kuliko Laikipia mara kumi.

Wakati alijenga kambi kule Garissa, hii shida ya usalama iliisha. Kila wakati nikisimama huwa nasema kule Shamba la Kuki Gallman ndiyo maneno iko. Mpaka serikali iingie kule kwenye ile shamba ili itatue shida ambayo iko pale. Kutatua ni kujenga kambi katika ile shamba kwa sababu ni ya serikali. Mzungu analala na wakati anasikia mambo inaharibika kwa mfano wakati alipigwa risasi, anahamia Nairobi miezi mitatu. Yule mwananchi aliamka saa kumi asubuhi kuchagua hii serikali analala wapi? Analala nje.

Niko na uchungu mwingi wakati mimi huongea hivi. Kama hujaona mtu amepigwa risasi na hawa majambazi wakiletwa kwenye hospitali kuu ya Nyahururu, uone vile yule mtu amepigwa risasi na ile kilio iko pale, hakuna kitu unaelewa. Tuko na waziri Kindiki wa maswala ya ndani, tuko na Katibu Mkuu ambaye alikuwa Mheshimiwa wa Laikipia Kusini, Mheshimiwa Mariru anayetoka hapa. Ni kazi gani wanafanya? Wakati Waziri Kindiki atakuja hapa, nataka kusema ni jukumu hadi kwa Gavana hata akiwa hapa.

Sisi Waheshimiwa, eti chukueni mkono mfanye hivi. Sisi tuko na maneno ya kuongea hata kumweleza Waziri Kindiki vile tunasikia. Si lazima tuwe tunaambiwa tusalimiane kwa kuchukua mikono. Waheshimiwa kama Karuiru, Gitahi, Lekopien na Lempaira ambao wanatoka kwenye shida imetokea wanafaa kupatiwa nafasi ya kueleza Waziri Kindiki nini ambacho kinaendelea na si kwamba akija, sisi Waheshimiwa tuchukue mikono tumsalimie. Hakuna siku nyingine tutasalimiana na mikono. Tuko na midomo ya kuongea na wao na kuwaambia shida ambayo iko. Kuna shida ya usalama katika Laikipia.

Nikiongea hivi, naongea kwa uchungu sana. Wamama wanapigwa risasi na kubakwa kisha wanauawa. Juzi kuna mama alikaa Hospitali ya akina mama ya Nairobi kwa muda wa miezi kumi na moja. Msichana wake alibakwa, mama yake akauawa na baba yake kuachwa kama amefungwa. Huyo msichana alikaa miezi kumi na moja bila kuongea kwa vitendo ambazo zilifanyika. Nilikuwa mmoja wa wale walimpeleka Nairobi.

Tuko na uchungu katika Laikipia tukiona hakuna mtu anafikiria mambo yetu. Tuliamka saa kumi na mbili kuchaguana ili tupate usalama wa watu wetu. Wakati hakuna usalama pia hapa hatungekuwa. Tufurahi wakati tunalala vizuri kwetu ilhali ndugu zetu na wazazi wetu ambao tuliwaacha hawalali ila wanalala nje. Kuna ambayo hatuwezi kutaja hapa kwa sababu yana uchungu sana. Kazi ya mwanamume ni kulala nje kuchunga ndovu na mtu ambaye anakuja na bunduki.

Ni heri wachukue mali yote lakini wakuwache uhai. Wanabaka mabibi na watoto kisha kuwaua. Bwana Spika, tuko nchi gani na hapa ni kunyamaza. Ningeuliza Bwana Spika, tupatiwe nafasi kama Waheshimiwa. Ukiingia katika Kaunti ya Laikipia, kwa wadi yangu Gavana yuko Nanyuki, Seneta yuko Nairobi, Mwakilishi wa Wanawake yuko Nairobi na Mbunge yuko Nairobi. Ni nani anakutwa mashinani? Ni sisi Waheshimiwa ambao hatuheshimiwi.

Nikiongea hivi ninaongea na uchungu sana. Mambo ambayo yananikuta katika ofisi Juma tatu na Ijumaa ni magumu. Ni kumaanisha tuliwekewa mizigo lakini wanakula unono na wikendi ndio wanakuja. Hawajui ni nini kinafanyika. Usalama wa mtu, nchi hii na watu wa Laikipia ni muhimu. Hili Bunge la Laikipia liheshimiwe kama Bunge Kuu. Bunge Kuu iko na

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Waheshimiwa ambao walichaguliwa na Bunge hili pia liko na Waheshimiwa ambao walichaguliwa na wananchi.

Usalama katika Laikipia si sawa na hatutanyamaza. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa ruhusa yako sisi tutaingia kwenye magari tukatafute Kindiki. Tuko na namba yake ili tukae kwa ofisi yake ili aje asikize kilio cha Waheshimiwa ambao wako na shida. Sisi tuko na shida wakati tumeona ndugu zetu kutoka Sosian, Githiga na kwingineko hawalali. Wakati wako na shida pia sisi tuko na shida. Waheshimiwa msichukulie huu mjadala kwa mzaha.

Tunafaa kuwa na nguvu ili tuonekane tunaweza fanya kazi. Tuko na shida kama Waheshimiwa na hakuna mtu anafikiria mambo letu. Tunaonekana kama kazi yetu ni kuwasukuma kwenda Nairobi. Sisi pia tunaweza ingia Nairobi na tukalie viti tukawatetee watu wetu. Kama ni Bunge, hatutafunga minyororo lakini tutakaa nje ya ofisi ya Kindiki tumjue. Tutakaa kwa ofisi ya Mariru ambaye ni mtoto amezaliwa katika Magharibi mwa Laikipia, Wadi ya Githiga na anajua hiyo shida ambayo wazazi wake wanapata lakini hatujasikia mtu mmoja akiongea kuhusu Laikipia kwa umakini.

Haya si mambo ya kuchukuliwa hivihivi. Bwana Spika, nikiongea hivi watu wengine wanaona kama ninaongea uwongo. Mwaka wa 2012 nilitoka Kenya nikiwa Naibu wa Meya na kuelekea Finland. Huwezi kaa Finland kwa miaka miwili kama hujui kubeba bunduki na kupiga risasi. Nilitoka Finland, Helsinki na kuelekea Tampere ambayo ni umbali wa kilomita 195. Jeshi ya Finland inavaa kama Jeshi ya Kenya. Nilipelekwa mafunzo huko. Ukinipatia AK47, nitamaliza mambo yote. Niko na medali kutoka nchi ya nje...

(Laughter)

Speaker: Silence Members. Let the honourable Member proceed.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Aliyekuwa mkubwa wa CID ambaye nilimpatia medali yangu ili anipatie barua ya kuwa na bunduki. Alikataa na kusema nitaua watu wote. Ningetaka kuongea ukweli na nitasema kinagaubaga kwamba nitajitafutia bunduki nisaidie watu wetu kama hakuna watu wanalilia watu wetu. Akina mama hawalali na wazee ambao walituzaa hawalali. Walizaa ili tuwasaidie lakini hakuna usaidizi.

Ndugu zetu wa Kaskazini mwa Laikipia hawakuingia kwa njia mbaya. Waliingia kwa sababu ni haki yao na hakuna mtu alipenda kuzaliwa na kabila fulani. Kwa hivyo, hawa ni watu wa Nchi ya Kenya na wanafaa kupatiwa heshima. Usalama ni muhimu sana na kupitia Mwenyekiti Mheshimiwa Spika, ningetaka kumpongeza Mheshimiwa wa Sosian kwa kuangalia maslahi yao. Hakuongea kuhusu watu wa Sosian ila aliongea kuhusu watu wa Laikipia na ni lazima tumuunge mkono.

Kupitia kiti chako Mheshimiwa Spika, ningetaka kusema ya kwamba siku ambayo tutakuita hapa utupatie ruhusa na magari tuelekee kwa Waziri Kindiki tukanga'ngane na yeye. Amekuja mara mingi sana hapa Laikipia lakini hakuna Mheshimiwa anakubaliwa kuongea. Hata nisiongee lakini Waheshimiwa kama Salim, Lekopien, Leshuel na wale wengine ambao wametoka Kaskazini mwa Laikipia wapatiwe nafasi ya kusema shida ambazo wako nazo.

Ikifika wakati huo wanasema kuna Waheshimiwa kutoka Bunge la Kaunti na kwamba tusimame ili tuwapungie mikono. Sisi hatutafanya tena. *Enough is enough.* Imefikia kiwango cha kusema tupatiwe heshima na tuchunge watu wetu. Tuliletwa kama Bunge hili na hili Bunge

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lina umuhimu. Kwa mara mingi hili Bunge ni kama Bunge Kuu. Naunga mkono huu mjadala. Asante sana.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kwanza nashukuru Mheshimiwa wa Sosian kwa kuleta huu mjadala wa usalama katika Laikipia. Bwana Spika, nashindwa kuelewa Serikali ambayo iko na bunduki za aina zote ambazo ziko katika ulimwengu huu. Wako na vifaru, bomu, guruneti, ndege na pia ndege ambazo hazina rubani ilhali watu wetu wanauliwa. Naomba kupatia Serikali yetu, mikakati ifanywe ya kumaliza hawa wahalifu. Naona kama kumekuwa na shida kubwa sana na hawana wa kuwaelekeza.

Ningetaka kuwapatia mwelekeo. Kwanza naomba watuletee ndege mia moja ambazo hazina rubani. Wakimaliza hapo, hizo ndege zitatusaidia kuona mahali wahalifu wote wako. Pili watuletee ndege ambazo ziko na rubani na wanajeshi na askari ambao wameenda mafunzo na wote wawekwe kwa hizo ndege. Huwa tunawaona kwa televisheni wakiteremka na mikanda. Wateremke huko chini ili wakapigane na wahalifu.

Ninashindwa kuelewa mtu ambaye ameenda mafunzo kwa miezi sita na kupatiwa bunduki lakini akisikia ngʼombe zimeimbiwa upande fulani, yeye anaenda upande ule mwingine. Sioni haja ya kuletwa kwa wanajeshi kwa sababu askari wetu wako na uwezo, NPR ambao tuko nao wako na uwezo lakini imekuwa ni mchezo wa paka na panya.

Juzi tuliona wameshika wahalifu na Mbunge mmoja anatoka Nairobi na ndege na kuwatoa kwa dhamana. Anawabeba na ndege na kuwapeleka kwao nyumbani. Huo mchezo unafaa kuangaliwa sana. Shule zimefungwa na watu wamefanya kuwa nyumba zao. Kila siku ni kulaumiana. Wapokot wanalaumu Wasamburu. Wasamburu wanalaumu Waturkana na Waturkana wanalaumu Wapokot. Tutazunguka mpaka lini? Watoto wetu watasoma lini?

Mheshimiwa Spika, ukienda hizo eneo ni ngumu kupata mashamba zikiwa zimepandwa. Leo akipanda, kesho anavurugwa na chakula yote ambayo ilikuwa imemea inakuliwa na mbuzi na ngʼombe. Nashindwa kuelewa ni siku gani tutaendelea na ni lini hizo eneo zitaendelea. Kwa hivyo naomba Serikali Kuu kwa sababu iko na uwezo wa kila aina ya silaha watusaidie kuleta amani. Wakati mwingi ni uchungu Bwana Spika ukiwa umeketi hapa na kuona Mheshimiwa Karuiru akipigiwa simu. Anatoka nje na anaporudi macho yake inakaa kutoa machozi.

Ukiuliza ni nini wanasema *nimaiya* na *nimoraga*. Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba serikali yetu iangalie haya maneno...

Speaker: What is Hon. Umija?

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority Leader is speaking in a language that we do not understand. He should clarify what he is actually saying. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. John, you may respond as you proceed.

Hon. John Gichuki: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Naomba kumwelezea Mheshimiwa Umija hiyo inamaanisha nini. *Nimora* ni kusema wamepotea. *Nimaiya* ni mahali panaitwa Namaiyan na kwa hivyo naomba haya maneno yaangaliwe sana isifike kwa maeneo

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yetu. Nikiwa pale, nafikiri mimi ni jirani wa hao Waheshimiwa wote. Wakikuyu wanasema *ruri itara ruthekaga rwi riko.* Asante sana, Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Honourable Member, you may need to translate the last one kindly.

Hon. John Gichuki: I request Hon. Mugweru to make them understand the language, *ruri itara ruthekaga rwi riko* in English.

Speaker: I will give you a second to translate.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: There is a place called Itara Gardens and now he is saying that the people in Itara Gardens have hope that one day they will go to Rikoni. So, there is Itara and Riko. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because I am an elder, I think I can elaborate on that as I contribute. The statement by the Honourable Member claiming that *ruri itara ruthekaga ruri riko* is a tradition where our people used to keep firewood on the upper part of the house. That is what we used to call itara. There was a saying that the firewood that is in itara laughs at the one in the fire. That was the explanation.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member has done a commendable job by bringing the motion. I am touched by a single area. Mr. Speaker, where the PS for Defence comes from in Ng'arachi area people are in problems. The bandits steal during the day. This is a calamity that has touched us and I am worried because we still have the government with us. Mr. Speaker, there was a time I owned a small café within my locality and I had a good customer who was really supportive to my business.

Unfortunately, I did not know that he was one of the most wanted persons in the country but he used to be a frequent customer. By the time the government started tracing that person, I was shocked because he was followed by all the mechanisms of the government. We had aircrafts and land cruisers on the ground. I am sure some of us know *Matheri* and *Wanugu* who hailed from my area. By the time he was being traced, if the government can apply the same methods of tracking these people who are terrorising our people and declare banditry as terrorism, I am sure we can be sorted.

This is a touching issue and we need to visit and we as the Members of the Assembly, let us work as a team and ensure that everything is followed to the end. Mr. Speaker, I can attest there is this issue the Honourable Member has raised on deploying additional National Police Reservists. I can attest that the reservists are working harder unlike those who are employed by the government and the officers who are well trained.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

The reservists are trained for a month and by the time they get the gun they are able to retrieve all the animals that have been stolen by the bandits. The officers who are on the ground are not capable. Mr. Speaker, I propose if the government can agree to deploy more reservists, we can have a permanent solution once and for all. Mr. Speaker, I may not have much but I thank the Honourable Member for bringing up the motion which I wholly support.

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Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion in the floor of the House. I would like to give an input pertaining to the said motion on adding NPR's. Mr. Speaker, the NPR's are the only people who were born in those areas that are insecure. In Olmoran Ward, there are terrains in the famous land of death which is the Laikipia Nature Conservancy. As conversant as they are, NPR's should be added.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Honourable House because I am in the Committee on Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters and we visited where the NPR are trained. The area is quite good and there are well trained officers who are training our NPR. Mr. Speaker, as long as we are coming to this Honourable House as Elected Members, if we are not motivated by what we are paid, we cannot be able to deliver for our people.

It is in that matter that I would like to urge the Committee on Cohesion and this Honourable House during the 2023/2024 budget that is coming, to think of what we can add despite the National Government giving these people Kshs. 5,000. Sometimes, it is hostile as these guys are working day and night and they have families. Mr. Speaker, as Hon. Nderitu has said about the bandits and the size of the body. It is actually true because sometimes I have even followed them personally with others. Once that bandit, goes in a very small bush. You think it is demonic because you cannot see him again.

On this line, despite the Hon. Member not putting it here Mr. Speaker. I would urge the National Government, to deploy more police vehicles. The armoured police vehicles, APCs and land cruisers that would deal with the terrain that we have. I think out of experience because I know I have lost friends through the bandit attacks. My friends have lost their animals, others have been left injured, as the motion says. I think if we would have the patrol vehicles, it only means through these bandits because it is like they train how they do this. That it is only one hour, you will hear that these guys have gone over ten kilometres. If we would have more patrol vehicles, it would be good if we would hear that instead of doing the Rumuruti Nanyuki Road, our security team have been able to purchase police vehicles.

Even if we had the best roads in the whole country and we are insecure, I think it will not even be good. It will not be even good to the Almighty when we are doing things that are for development and we are still losing our lives. The conservancies that surround Mukogodo west. All those ranches, the Laikipia nature conservancies, we should have a stakeholders meeting. These people fetch money from tourism and other matters. I think if they would electrify their conservancies, it would be a thing to improve the security.

I must urge this despite of it not being incorporated in the said motion by Hon. Lekopien. During the deployment, I have gone around Laikipia North, Laikipia West and even East because it is cutting across all the Wards. The issue of insecurity, I have come to realize that in my Olmoran Ward, some of my prime areas and the Githiga Wards, Sosian Ward, the police officers deployed there are drunkards. I would urge that our places should not be used as rehabilitation centres. We need sober minds and well-trained officers so that our NPR who are pursuing these bandits have sober people. Not a person in the name of police officers, when we go to report and it is at night, the police officer is asking you what type of a gun did you hear. How many people did you see? As if you have been trained.

I would urge the government to be keen during the deployment of police officers. There is a lot in terms of what brings insecurity. One of it, is the trespass or the illegal grazing. I

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should think it is the high time as leaders, we also try to organise and manage our people because in Baringo, Isiolo and as well as in Laikipia. Despite of having good green grazing areas, we should advise our people as leaders so that when there is a dry spell, we can convert our fat livestock into other thing.

The recent drought is almost in the third year, but I know God is good because I know we are going to get good rains. We must think of what we exchange. The community that I come from or I hail, embraces farming. We have never been compensated, that we have lost our plantations. I think out of the poor leadership out of some of the leaders, they have not been able to advise their people on how to change from this. During this weather to the other. I think in the near future, the boundaries that are disturbing, especially disturbing our Laikipia County are between Baringo, Samburu, Isiolo and our County. We should have one despite of it being internal, we have stiff boundaries. If it is trenches that will be made or a stone boundary, so be it. Sometimes when you allow a thief in your house, that is the time the thief manages to see how you stay. Whatever interest he has, it is very easy for that person to access.

It is absurd because as Laikipia County, the livestock that come from Isiolo, they do not even give us anything that maybe we have negotiated that every livestock; every cow, goat or sheep is going to be charged this amount when you come to graze in Laikipia. I should think when we were getting independence. The independence is not about grazing in another person's land. In a place called Latia, where it is very prime, as we speak, I have received numerous calls that people have newly planted crops and they are doing well.

The illegal grazers are still roaming there. At night they are grazing on those small maize that just shoot. I think if it is not stopped, It is an early warning in terms of insecurity. We had an operation, I think it has ended. What I would lastly want to urge the government, they announced the curfew times of movement from six. Actually, twice in my Olmoran Ward, there was theft. In my neighbouring Githiga Ward, a person was killed during the said cessation of movement. During the said curfew times Mr. Speaker.

I would wonder what the government is doing, because personally in the television and in the newspapers and radio stations, I said we are happy and appreciate the curfew. Mr. Speaker, I said if we would have somebody killed and livestock stolen, then it must be police officers. Our people, are good, they kept the time for curfew. Out of those and the other days, we lost another life in Laikipia North. I think the government should be stiff and actually sometimes do secret operations. Yes, it is constitutional, they are moderate of it.

Then sometimes, you cannot keep a thief in the name of your son or a boy in your house and every day you are losing sheep; it endangers. You are forced sometimes to go pay a police station for food for that boy who is stealing from you. Despite of you bringing him to this world. I am hoping that when the Interior Cabinet Minister has come, let him come with the leadership of the County Commissioner, County Commander and the National Police Reservists. I am hoping that even those just recruited NPRs, currently have not been given the arms.

I think the government should hasten because these are the times that God is blessing us with rains before some of the areas of those bandits becomes well for those livestock to eat. We are going to experience because I know they have been saying we are grazing what we ought to have and what we have lost during this dry spell. They are going to recover what we

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have strenuously been able to bring up. I join the motion Mr. Speaker and I am only hoping that these papers are not just here to be read. There will be a follow up through the same Hon. Member, through the Cohesion Committee, through you and the Executive. So that the Executive, can as-well urge in case of whenever they cannot reach the National Government, to implement this to the letter. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, is to congratulate the mover of the motion, for coming up with this noble motion. Secondly, I want to call all concerned parties; both government and private to restore security in this County, as it will foster our economy. Lastly, I want to call upon all my fellow leaders in this County of ours to come out we work together and to push this government of ours until our people gets peace in Laikipia. Since by the time our people are not getting peace even as the leaders of this House, we will not be able to conduct these sessions peacefully because our electorates are not having peace. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, I want now to take this opportunity to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I make the reply, I just want to ask the Member, Hon. Kagondu. We have had CS Kindiki here, few times he has been to Olmoran, Doldol, Sosian and nothing has changed. So for the sake of this community and the County of Laikipia, we really need to wake up. Either push the government, push the County National Security, the County security teams to wake up. As the CS has been here a few times, it seems like every time he is there that is when new things happen.

Again, I will also want to ask the Hon. Salim from Segera and the Hon. from Salama Ward. Recently in the last two days, we have had one of our own killed at ADC. May his soul rest in Peace. Mr. Makeya was shot either by the Police Reservist or by the police while he was herding his cows. He was legally herding his cows at the right place. I will also ask the Cohesion Committee to do some investigations. I will also want to be part of it so that we can find out what and who did that and should be brought to book. As we all have deliberated and moved the motion or supported the motion, I would like to say thank you and for the sake of the people of Laikipia and Kenya in general. May peace prevail as we work hand in hand to make sure that all are happy and peaceful. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members, for a robust debate.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until later today, Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.30 a.m.

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